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CHEESE GRADERS' MEMORANDUM NO. 4

To: All Cheese Graders and Contractors

From: Rob R. Slocum, Dairy and Poultry Branch - AMA

Subject: Condition and Type of Cheese Containers Acceptable on Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation's Contracts

It has recently come to our attention that in some instances cheese purchased by the Government is being tendered for grading in used containers and in containers that do not conform to the type of box or container specified in the contract with the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and the Wisconsin Cheese Exchange package specifications require that all cheese offered for sale be packed in new containers. Therefore, the cheese tendered for grading must be packed in new containers and in the type conforming to the contract of sale. Contractors will not be permitted to transfer cheese from one type container to another type and from used containers to new containers after grading, except where such transfer is made under the direct supervision of the grader.

The responsibility of adhering to these requirements rests upon the contractor and in event of non-compliance, the grader shall refuse to proceed with the grading of such cheese.

The only circumstances under which cheese may be accepted by graders when packed in used containers or in containers which do not conform to the type of box or container specified in the contract with the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation is when for some good and sufficient reason the contractor has made application to the Purchase Branch of the Agricultural Marketing Administration for acceptance of cheese in such containers and has received specific authority from the Purchase Branch to furnish cheese in such excepted packages. The graders must under no circumstances make such acceptances on their own initiative, but only on the basis of authority from the Purchase Branch.

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